August 6, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice
        State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Assistance for Teachers Seeking National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Certification in 2013

The Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), in cooperation with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), will assist 100 teachers who are interested in applying for national board certification as first-time candidates in 2013. The state has been awarded funds to pay $1,250, which is half of the $2,500 assessment fee required by the NBPTS. However, before payment is made, candidates must meet the following conditions:

1. Have three years of teaching experience.
2. Apply for and pass the Alabama Screening and Selection Process.
3. Pay the initial $500 assessment fee to NBPTS.
4. Be responsible for paying the remaining $750 to NBPTS.

The application for the Alabama Process can be downloaded from our Web site at www.alsde.edu. On the Home page, click on Hot Topics and scroll down to NBPTS Alabama National Board Certification Application. The deadline for submitting an application to the ALSDE is September 21, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Ms. Debra Williams by telephone at 334-242-9935 or by e-mail at dwilliams@alsde.edu.

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